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CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED - JULY 1, 1971

MONTANA

CATTLE FEEDING INCREASING

Cattle feeders in Montana had 100,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter on July 1, 1971, according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is 27,000 more than were on feed one year ago, but 20,000 head below last quarter. An estimated 38,000 head were placed on feed during the second quarter of 1971. This is 17,000 more than the same period in 1970.

During the months of April, May and June, Montana cattle feeders shipped 58,000 fed cattle to slaughter--23,000 more than the same period last year.

Sixty thousand head of the cattle that are now on feed are expected to be marketed in July, August and September. During the same three months a year ago, 40,000 head were marketed for slaughter.

TEN WESTERN STATES

10 WESTERN STATES UP 14 PERCENT

There were 5,002,000 cattle and calves on feed July 1 in the 10 Western States, 14 percent more than a year earlier. Texas, the leading feeding State in this region, had 1,700,000 head, 26 percent more than a year earlier. Increases were reported in all other States in this region except Idaho and New Mexico.

TWENTY-THREE PRINCIPLE STATES

CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed July 1 for the slaughter market totaled 10,881,000 head in the 23 major feeding States, 2 percent over a year earlier. All the increased number on feed were in those weighing less than 900 pounds.

Placements of cattle and calves in the 23 States during April-June were up 5 percent from the same 1970 quarter. Marketings of fed cattle April-June were 6,311,000 head, 1 percent above a year earlier.

Marketings during July-September 1971 (from cattle on feed July 1) in the 23 States are expected to be 2 percent more than during the same 3-month period in 1970.

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CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED BY QUARTERS

	MONTANA				23 Principal States 1/		
	July 1, 1970	April 1, 1971	July 1, 1971	1971 as Pct. of 1970	July 1, 1970	July 1, 1971	1971 as Pct. of 1970
	- - - - Thousand head - - - - - -				- - - Thousand head - - -		
Total number on feed	73	120	100	137	10,638	10,881	102
Placed on feed 2/	21	55	38	181	5,242	5,478	105
Marketed 2/	35	65	58	166	6,219	6,311	101
Number on feed by Kind and Weight:							
Steers & Steer Calves	44	75	57	130	7,333	7,623	104
Under 500 pounds	--	1	--	--	301	523	174
500-699 pounds	6	27	6	100	1,325	1,410	106
700-899 pounds	20	23	17	85	2,973	3,172	107
900-1099 pounds	17	20	30	176	2,313	2,155	93
1100 pounds & over	1	4	4	400	421	363	86
Heifers & Heifer Calves	28	44	42	150	3,274	3,226	99
Under 500 pounds	--	2	--	--	247	288	117
500-699 pounds	6	23	6	100	1,138	1,064	93
700-899 pounds	19	13	29	153	1,567	1,584	101
900-1099 pounds	3	6	7	233	322	290	90
1100 pounds & over	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cows & Other	1	1	1	100	31	32	103
Length of time on feed beginning of each quarter							
Less than 3 months	21	54	37	176	4,974	5,226	105
3 to 6 months	37	64	53	143	3,692	4,002	108
More than 6 months	15	2	10	67	1,972	1,653	84
Expected marketings: July-Sept.	40 3/		60	150	6,049	6,165	102
Later	33 3/		40	121	4,589	4,716	103

1/ Includes 12 North Central States, 8 Western States, Pennsylvania, Texas and Oklahoma.
2/ For the 3 months preceding date shown.
3/ Actual marketings from the number on feed July 1, 1970.

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